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Roy Rowan's Just Getting Started in New Book

EVENT PREVIEW: APRIL 5

by Sonya K. Fry

Never Too Late is career correspondent and author Roy Rowan's rousing testament to the fact that if you are still in reasonably good health and have a career or set of interests to pursue, your swan-song years can be among your most productive. Rowan, OPC President from 1998 to 2000 and OPC member for 62 years, is a revered journalist who has more stories to tell than can be imagined, all of them true.

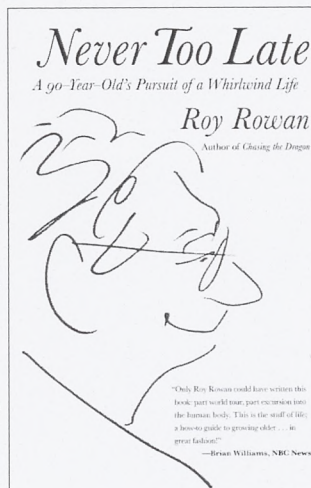
The cartoonist who captured a good likeness of Rowan on the book cover is Jerry Dumas who now draws Beetle Bailey and Hi and Lois after the demise of their creator Mort Walker. Dumas has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* and is the creator of his own comic strip Sam and Silo.

Rowan has written what by his own admission is "probably" my last book. The subtitle is: "A 90-year-old's Pursuit of a Whirlwind Life." Rowan began his career as a foreign correspondent when he joined *Life* magazine in 1948 in China. He could regale you with the story of how he happened to meet Henry Luce at a hotel bar in Shanghai. As a correspondent with Time-Life he served as bureau chief in

Shanghai (covering the civil war in China), Saigon, Rome, Tokyo (covering the Korean War), Bonn and Chicago. He was also Hong Kong bureau chief covering the Vietnam War and was one of the last to be evacuated by helicopter from Saigon in 1975.

As a change of pace, he spent two weeks living on the streets of New York City as a homeless man for an article in *People* magazine.

He has written multiple books — *The Four Days of Mayaguez*, *The Intuitive Manager* and *Powerful People* but one of his most successful books was called *First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Best Friends*. The new President Bill



Clinton was not included in the first printing of the book in 1997 since at the time the Clintons only had a pet cat named Socks, so you could say Roy was instrumental in the Clintons getting a dog. Rowan reprinted the book with a chapter on "Buddy" the new first dog. We are all still waiting for the movie version of "Chasing the Dragon," a memoir of Mao's revolution.

The most succinct and amusing blurb comes from Brian Williams of NBC News: "Only Roy Rowan could have written this book: part world tour, part excursion into the human body. From the war zones to the political conventions, from baseball to anti-inflammatories, from Mao

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Women Leaders in Middle East Media

EVENT PREVIEW: MARCH 28

Two women who are leaders in Middle Eastern media assess whether the recent unrest in the region can lead to newfound democracy.

Felice Friedson, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Media Line Ltd., an American news agency specializing in coverage of the Middle East and Nadia Al-Sakkaf, Editor-in-Chief of *The Yemen Times* have been working together toward defining and improving the role of women in media in the Middle East. They will address the most recent events from the perspective of press freedoms and



Nadia Al-Sakkaf, Editor-in-Chief of *The Yemen Times*

women's rights, why it's important to Americans, and how it relates to prospects for the democratization of nations, with

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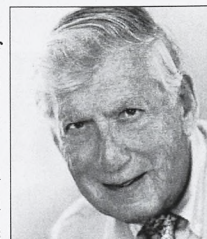
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to Mark Twain, this is the stuff of life, and a how-to-guide to growing older in great fashion."

Another OPC President from 2004-2006 and founder of *People* magazine, Richard Stolley, has also written an insightful blurb: "Rowan is not exactly like you and me: he fought in one war and covered three others, palled around with Presidents, ran the New York Marathon, and survived three cancers. But out of all these adventures and crises, he has written a book that is marvelously beneficial to every one of us on the far side of middle age. 'Do not go gentle,'

he insists, 'but live with the three E's: Enthusiasm, Exertion, and Energy.' If you do, Scouts Honor, you'll move up the alphabet to wonder years of Pride, Productivity, and Passion"

Rowan's Book Night is on Tuesday, April 5. A book launch Reception begins at 6 p.m. with the Talk at 7 p.m. Books will be for sale and signing. RSVP by calling the OPC office 212-626-9220, e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org or log into the website www.opcofamerica.org.



Martha Holmes

Roy Rowan

Women Media Leaders:

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particular attention on Yemen.

Against the backdrop of the unrest spreading from Tunisia and Egypt throughout the region, the question remains whether we're seeing "revolutions" that will end in democracy or an exchange of leadership. Felice Friedson is the founder of Media Line located in Jerusalem and is one of the very few women overseeing a major news operation in the region. She founded the Mideast Press Club and created the Women in Mideast Media initiative, providing support and training to women seeking to work in media-related fields in the Middle East. She has worked in every



Felice Friedson reporting in a souk.

aspect of the media developing programming for television, radio and print. She has twice been nominated for the Charles

Bronfman Humanitarian Prize – notably submitted together by Palestinian and Israeli journalists.

Nadia Al-Sakkaf is Editor-in-Chief of *The Yemen Times* and is

known for her expertise in development, gender and media issues in the Middle East. In 2006 she was honored as the first recipient of the Gebran Tueni Award for professional media given by the World Association of Newspapers and *An-Nahar*, Tueni's Beirut newspaper. She studied at Stirling University in the U.K.

and has traveled extensively working with organizations defending press freedom, human rights and democracy.

This event will take place on Monday, March 28 at Club Quarters, 40 West 45th Street, and is co-sponsored by the Newswomen's Club of New York. Reception will begin at 6 p.m. with Program at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the OPC office 212-626-9220, e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org or log on to the OPC website www.opcofamerica.org.

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Sennott Calls Evolutions in Media Exciting and a Challenge

EVENT RECAP: FEBRUARY 18

by Aimee Vitrak

More than 200 guests attended this year's OPC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon and watched a record \$28,000 in scholarships go to 14 graduate and undergraduate students who aspire to become foreign correspondents. The luncheon was held at the Yale Club in midtown Manhattan on Friday, February 18.

This year, the OPC Foundation launched two new scholarships in memory of two of its most distinguished members: the Walter and Betsy Cronkite Scholarship and the Jerry Flint Scholarship for International Business Reporting. The Cronkite Scholarship was established last year with seed money from CBS News. The Cronkites' son, Chip Cronkite, was on hand to bestow the award to inaugural recipient Alex Pena from Florida Gulf Coast University. Chip Cronkite said his parents would have been honored that Pena received this first award. Pena said that witnessing corruption in Ciudad Juarez changed him and how he viewed news reporting. "It's important to be on the ground and telling those stories," Pena said. "You can bet that I'm using this money to continue coverage in a city that needs it."

The Jerry Flint Scholarship was founded by his widow, OPC member Kate McLeod, at the time of his sudden death in July. She spoke before presenting the first Jerry Flint Scholarship to Natalie Bailey. "There are many Flint stories," McLeod said. "What is not known about Jerry is that he helped young reporters. Gretchen Morgenson, Allan Dodds Frank, Rose Brady, so many names that are prominent in journalism today. He hired all female stringers back in the '70s at the *The Times*. He hired the first African-American reporter, also female, at *Forbes*. He was still encouraging young reporters last year. They said he was one of the few senior people who ever gave them the time of day."

The keynote speaker was Charles M. Sennott, executive editor, vice president and co-founder of GlobalPost.com. Sennott said that in days when it seems like there's a dark cloud covering international reporting, "the OPC is a gem...an island we can all retreat to." He also relayed his trajectory as a reporter, telling a good yarn about growing up in Boston and wanting to be a reporter for the *Boston Globe*, and how being a crime reporter for *The Daily News* during the editorship of Pete Hamill put him on the story that continues for him to this day.

He said his path to journalism was an old-school way of climbing your way up and that this path doesn't exist anymore. He read the *Globe* growing up and had a brother who worked at the *Boston Herald* at night who took him court-side to watch Larry Bird in his rookie year. That sense of being "court-side" on history for Sennott is "what it's all about."

Sennott worked for a small NPR affiliate, went to Columbia School of Journalism, worked for *The Record* in Bergen County, New Jersey, and talked his editors into sending him abroad to Ireland and Nicaragua. He did anything to be sent abroad but had his eye set on New York where he worked at *The Daily News* for seven years when it was led by Pete Hamill. Sennott told a story about Dennis Hamill, Pete's brother, "and this will get me right into [a story about] Cairo," he said to laughter.

Sennott was a street reporter in 1993 and was near the World Trade Center when he heard a loud bang and then sirens. "As



Michael Dames

Charles M. Sennott gave the keynote address.

any reporter would do," Sennott said. "You walk toward the sirens." He saw smoke pouring out of the parking garage of the WTC and bumped into Dennis Hamill who had two things: a Con Edison hat and a yellow legal pad. Hamill said, "you take the pad; I'll take the hat." Sennott said they walked past the police lines and into the parking garage. "We're all thinking it's a generator that blew up," Sennott said. "But through the smoke and sprinkler system, we saw the four-to-five story crater with all the cars piled on top of it and we looked at each other and said, 'it's a bomb.'"

In that moment Sennott experienced something he will never forget. "New York City shrugged that story off as a crime story," he said. "The response was tough, noble and very New York, but we didn't see these forces building, nascent al Qaeda."

Imitating his editor, the chain-smoking Bill Boyle, Sennott inhaled a fake cigarette, "You should go."

"Where?" Sennott asked.

Sennott gave another mock inhale. "Stay with the story."

"What do you mean?" Sennott asked.

"You should go to Egypt."

So Sennott went to Egypt and called Boyle on the phone who asked: "What are you doing in Egypt?"

"You told me to go," Sennott said.

"Usually you get approval for that," Boyle said.

"Following this story opened me up to this unrelenting anger against U.S. foreign policy," he said. "Those threads became what I did for the next 18 years. It began as a police story."

Sennott grew disappointed with a new *Daily News* editor's lack of commitment to the story – the new editor saw it as an isolated act of terrorism – so Sennott left for *The Boston Globe* and eventually was sent abroad.

After coming back from tough reporting assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq, Sennott became a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, which gave him a year to consider his life. "You realize that being a journalist is like being in a cult. They never give you time to think. They keep you kind of hungry, on edge, tired."

Instead, he had a year to ponder if international reporting was ending, maybe he should start something new. The result was GlobalPost, launched in 2009, which now has 100 correspondents around the world filing reports, video and photography. After Sennott's speech, he and the scholarship winners huddled in the center of the room. Perhaps GlobalPost now has 114 correspondents.

Go to www.opcofamerica.org for photos and videos of award winners and speeches and Sennott's keynote address.

2011 OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners



2011 OPC Scholars from left: Stewart, Rappleye, Pena, Camm, Oltsmann, Chakanetsa, Makan, Chen, Madhok, Murray, Besant, Kuruvilla, Bailey, and Tang.

Following is a list of the fourteen 2011 scholarship recipients, their affiliations, the prize they won, the presenter, and a brief description of their winning applications. The winners emerged from a highly competitive selection process consisting of 170 applicants from 55 different colleges and universities.

Alexander Besant

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

ALEXANDER KENDRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Daimler, presented by
Andrea Berg of Daimler.

Raised in Canada and bilingual in French and English, Alexander won for his essay on the struggles of women in Lebanon, an issue he covered as a reporter for the *Lebanon Daily Star*. Despite Lebanon's claims to freedom and openness, women continue to suffer domestic abuse and economic inequity. An inveterate traveler, he has backpacked solo through five continents. Next up: Africa. Alexander won an OPC Foundation internship in AP's Cairo bureau.

Sisi Tang

Northwestern University

DAVID R. SCHWEISBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Schweisberg Family,
presented by Matthew Schweisberg,
David's brother.

A college senior, Sisi intends to

return to Asia to cover economic, environmental and ethnic topics. In her essay, she drew on her experience as a reporter in Johannesburg and wrote about the environmental consequences of more than a century of mining in South Africa's West Rand. A native of China, she is fluent in Mandarin and southern Chinese dialects and conversant in French and Turkish. She has an OPC Foundation internship in a Reuters bureau in China.

Jialu Chen

Yale University

REUTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Reuters; presented by Jack
Reerink, Managing Editor, United States
and Canada.

The Yale senior, who has a double major in economics and East Asian languages and literature, wrote about a recent trip to China where she saw the growing impact of Han migration on the Uyghur population in the city of Kashgar, an oasis-city near the China-Afghanistan border. A native of Shanghai and an ethnic Han, she speaks Mandarin, Shanghainese and some French. An OPC Foundation intern, she is headed to a Reuters bureau in China.

Hannah Rappleye

CUNY Graduate School of Journalism

HARPER'S MAGAZINE SCHOLARSHIP in memory of I.F.STONE

Endowed by Rick MacArthur and the
Pierre F. Simon Charitable Trust;

presented by Rick MacArthur,
publisher, Harper's Magazine.

Since her first trip to Uganda when she was 20, Hannah has been fascinated with Africa. Later, as a multi-media intern for *The Mail & Guardian* in Johannesburg, she covered politics and the World Cup. A graduate of The New School, she wrote about the economic disparities in that country, exemplified by slum-dwellers in Protea South who steal electricity from local homeowners.

Laura Rena Murray

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

IRENE CORBALLY KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Scripps Howard
Foundation; presented
by John Howard-Potter.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Laura wants to track what happens to displaced Somali women and girls who are particularly vulnerable to sex and drug trafficking. In her essay, she wrote about the economic implications of such trafficking where profits are spread around several countries, militant religious groups and local gangs. A founder of a non-profit for street women, she is proficient in French.

Colleen Stewart

Western Kentucky University

H.L. STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by donations from family
and friends; presented by Paul Mason,
OPC Foundation vice president.

A college senior, Colleen wrote about newly widowed and financially destitute Rajamma, whom she met while interning in India. Rajamma's husband had only recently swallowed a bottle of pesticide after his cotton crop had failed. In the last decade, 180,000 Indians, many in the cotton industry, have committed suicide. The college senior hopes to cover international stories and "make the world seem like a smaller place."

Kim Chakanetsa

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

STAN SWINTON SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Swinton Family;

presented by Stan's son Donald.

A native Zimbabwean, Kim graduated from the American University of Paris and received a master's degree from Oxford University. Her winning essay described the refugee camp Mwanza on the shoreline of Lake Tanzania where households are often headed by children and the misery from where the residents fled still hangs in the air. Besides English, she speaks Shona and French. She has an OPC Foundation internship in the AP bureau in Johannesburg.

Megan Camm

University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

**EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN
SCHOLARSHIP**

Endowed by family; presented by his daughter Alix Freedman, deputy managing editor, The Wall Street Journal.

Megan wrote about the enduring ethnic conflict between the Hema and Lendu tribes of the northern Congo, seen through the eyes of feuding tribesmen trying to aid a sick child. The Harvard graduate is fluent in French and has won prizes for her photography. She has traveled to 34 countries and territories and intends to return to Cape Town to launch her career in journalism.

Diksha Madhok

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

THEO WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by donations from family and friends; presented by Theo's friend Rosalind Massow.

A graduate of Delhi University, Diksha wrote about the way women of Southeast Asia remain the victims of rigid patriarchal codes and how female feticide is still prevalent even in India's most prosperous regions. Her essay described the chilling practice of selling brides and bride-sharing in Punjab, a story she would like to use her multimedia skills to explore. She is fluent in Hindi.

Carol Kuruvilla

New York University

ROY ROWAN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family, friends and admirers; presented by Roy Rowan.
Carol's winning essay described the

life of Yean Heng Yan, who runs a bicycle repair shop near East China Normal University and is one of Shanghai's four million migrant workers. Denied access to basic services because of her migrant status, she struggles to pay tuition for her children to ensure them a better life. A former English tutor in China, Carol speaks Malayalam and conversational Spanish.

Mark Oltmanns

University of California/Berkeley
Graduate School of Journalism

**FLORA LEWIS MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

Endowed by the Pierre F. Simon Charitable Trust; presented by Flora's friend Jacqueline Albert-Simon.

Mark wrote about the Iron Ladies, a group of local housewives in southern Thailand, who have armed themselves with rifles and handguns to protect their village from the violence unleashed by a Muslim separatist movement that has resulted in the deaths of more than 4,000 people. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mark - who is fluent in Thai - has an OPC Foundation internship in the AP bureau in Bangkok.

Ajay Makan

University of Chicago

**S&P AWARD FOR ECONOMIC
AND BUSINESS REPORTING**

Endowed by Standard & Poor's; presented by Michael Privitera, S&P Vice President, Public Affairs

Ajay took a leave from his job as economics producer at the BBC to use his British Fulbright scholarship to pursue a master's degree in international relations with an emphasis on macroeconomics at the University of Chicago. A graduate of Cambridge University and an advanced French speaker, he wrote about the key role the IMF feels it must play in addressing the Irish economic crisis. Ajay has an OPC Foundation internship in the Reuters bureau in Singapore.

Natalie Bailey

Northwestern's Medill Graduate
School of Journalism

**JERRY FLINT SCHOLARSHIP
FOR INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS REPORTING**

Supported by family and friends;

presented by his widow Kate McLeod.

Natalie is currently interning in the Bangkok bureau of IRIN News, the United Nation's humanitarian news service. Her winning essay was about the dangers posed to Americans dining on shrimp grown in under regulated and overstocked Thai shrimp ponds pumped full with chemicals and unsafe levels of antibiotics. A graduate of St. Mary's College, she intends to report stories from the developing world.

Alex Pena

Florida Gulf Coast University
**THE WALTER & BETSY
CRONKITE SCHOLARSHIP**

Supported by CBS News and friends; presented by their son, Chip Cronkite.

A college senior, Alex has already covered stories in Mexico and Haiti for CNN, ABC News, and NBC. In his essay, he wrote about traveling in the back of a Mexican Drug Task Force pickup truck on a typically murderous night in Ciudad Juarez. With video camera in hand, he captured some of the violence that makes this border city one of the deadliest places in the world.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Several winners of OPC Foundation scholarships covered Middle East riots this winter. Two winners of the Dan Eldon scholarship covered Cairo street riots. They were **Ed Ou**, a *New York Times* photographer who won the scholarship in 2007 with an essay about his coverage of the death of 29 civilians killed by Israeli bombs in southern Lebanon; and **Rawya Rageh**, who won the 2006 scholarship with an essay on devastation in Darfur, she reported for Al Jazeera English in Cairo.

Haley Sweetland Edwards, winner of the 2009 Irene Corbally Kuhn scholarship, reported on street protests in Sana'a, Yemen for the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Atlantic*. She won the scholarship with an essay on how new media technologies can "provide the world's people with more voice, not more violence."

Emily Witt, who won the 2009 Flora Lewis scholarship with an essay on Mozambique's recovery from war, became the Wall Street reporter for the *New York Observer* January 31. Witt, whose writings have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Men's Journal* and other publications, moved from the U.K. to New York to take her new job.

Another 2009 scholarship winner, **Simon Akam**, now is a Reuters correspondent in Sierra Leone after working as an OPC Foundation intern in the Reuters Istanbul bureau. He landed the Freeman Scholarship with an essay on the human toll from land mines left over in Egypt from the World War II North African campaigns.

MURDERS: In Pakistan's Baluchistan province, **Abdost Rind**, 27, a part-time reporter for the Urdu-language newspaper *Daily Eagle*, was shot four times February 18 by assailants

who escaped on a motorcycle. He died immediately.

Jean Richard Louis-Charles, 30, a journalist working for Radio Kiskeya in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was fatally shot twice in the head near the capital's Champs-de-Mars Square February 9. Police arrested a suspect.

In Vietnam, reporter **Le Hoang Hung** died January 29 from third-degree burns over about 20 percent of his body. Police said his wife confessed to dousing him with gasoline and setting him afire 10 days earlier while he was sleeping. Police said his wife, Tran Thi Thuy Lieu, 40, had argued with him over money after she lost more than 1 billion dong (about U.S. \$47,000) during 22 gambling trips to Cambodia in December. Hung, 50, was a reporter for the *Nguoi Lao Dong* (Laborer) newspaper.

Philippine TV talk show host **Gerardo Ortega**, 47, was fatally shot in the head January 24 while he was shopping in a Puerto Princesa City clothing store shortly after his morning broadcast on station DWAR. An arrested suspect said his motive was robbery. In his news reports, Ortega had criticized local officials accused of corruption and opposed provincial mining projects.

Two masked gunmen fatally shot **Umesh Rajput**, a reporter for the Hindi daily *Nai Duniya*, outside his home near Raipur, India January 23 and fled on a motorcycle. A note written in red ink near the murder scene read, "If you don't stop publishing news, you will die." Police said a female health worker had threatened to kill the reporter two weeks before his death. Rajput had published an article

about a man developing an eye infection after an operation. It was the second murder of a journalist in Chhattisgarh State in just over one month. On December 20, unidentified gunmen murdered reporter **Sushil Pathak**.

A hit list of 16 journalists targeted for murder is being circulated in Pakistan, where that same number of journalists were murdered last year, informed sources told the International News Safety Institute in London. One of the men on that list, **Wali Khan Babar**, 29, was stuck in a traffic jam on his way home in Karachi January 13 when a man stopped outside his car, and fatally shot him several times in the head. Babar worked for the private TV channel Geo News.

COLOMBO: The offices of the independent Sri Lanka website Lanka eNews was attacked and set afire January 31 in the Malabe suburb of Colombo. Everything in the offices was damaged but no one was injured in the 2 a.m. raid. "The litany of arson attacks, assaults, disappearances, and outright killing of journalists that have gone unaddressed under [Sri Lanka] President Mahinda Rajapaksa make it necessary for the international community to act," said **Bob Dietz**, Asia program coordinator at the Committee to Protect Journalists. "The responsibility falls to the United Nations to lead an effective international response to a government that has failed to protect journalists, and is itself a viable suspect in many of these acts."

HANOI: Popular blogger **Le Nguyen Huong Tra**, known as the Dragon Girl, was arrested in October after she criticized the deputy minister for public security for providing favors to women associated with his son. A round of protests followed, and she was released in January after Vietnam's Communist Party Congress met. Local media quoted officials saying "her crime has been clarified" and there is no need for further detainment.

HAVANA: Two journalists arrested in the 2003 crackdown on dissidents were released in February. **Iván Hernández Carrillo**, 39, was released on parole after nearly eight years in jail on a 25-year sentence. He was a reporter for the independent news agency Patria. After his release he told Agence France-Presse: "I am free. I will keep writing, as I did from prison and as I will now from the street. I will write of the events that affect ordinary Cubans." **Héctor Maseda Gutiérrez**, 67, who was serving a 20-year sentence, also was freed on parole, but he requested a pardon. He was a founding member of the independent news agency Grupo de Trabajo Decoro and winner in 2008 of the International Press Freedom Award from the Committee to Protect Journalists. They were the first journalists of the Black Spring detainees allowed to remain in Cuba. Seventeen other reporters were released and flown to Spain, and two remain in jail.

ISTANBUL: Three journalists from the website OdaTV that is critical of the government were arrested and jailed February 18 as part of an investigation into accusations that the military plotted to overthrow Turkey's pro-Islamic government in 2003. Charged with membership in an illegal network, disclosing state documents and inciting public animosity were **Soner Yalcin**, an investigative journalist and owner of the website; **Baris Terkoglu**, the site's news editor; and **Baris Pehlivan**, a writer.

KABUL: Acid was thrown on Afghan journalist and author **Razaq Mamoon** January 18 while he was walking outside his apartment. His face and hands were burned, but glasses protected his eyes. Mamoon recently completed *The Footprint of Pharaoh*, a book that criticizes Iran for interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs. BBC quoted the author from his hospital bed, "Absolutely, the Iranians are behind this attack because no one dares to speak out in front of Iran."

LONDON: BBC World Service will close five of its 32 language services and cut around 650 jobs over the next three years, the network announced on January 26. The service now has a staff of 2,400 and a listening and viewing audience of 180 million a week in TV, radio and the Internet. *New York Times* correspondent

Reporting in Egypt Proved Fatal and Brutal to Journalists

An Egyptian reporter died after he was shot while covering street demonstrations against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. And correspondents from many countries were attacked after pro-Mubarak forces took to the streets, turning the demonstrations into riots. **Ahmed Mohamed Mahmoud**, 36, a reporter for the state-owned newspaper *Al-Ta'awun*, was taking pictures of the unrest from the balcony of his home when he was shot by sniper fire January 28. He died February 4. *The New York Times* reported, "Journalists were chased through the streets and had their equipment stolen or smashed. Some were beaten so badly that they required hospital treatment." In two days, the Committee to Protect Journalists received nearly 100 reports of journalists being attacked or detained or their property damaged. The OPC issued a statement that read in part: "The scale and ferocity of the attacks on Egyptian and foreign journalists in the last few days is unprecedented, even in these times when dictators and criminals attack the press with seeming impunity."



AP's Khalil Hamra, left, and other photographers take cover as they worked to cover protests.

Lara Logan, 39, CBS News chief foreign affairs correspondent, suffered "a brutal and sustained sexual assault and beating" in Cairo's Tahrir Square after Mubarak stepped down February 11, the network reported. During the 1 a.m. attack, Logan was stripped of her clothes, punched, kicked and slapped for up to 30 minutes by the crowd celebrating Mubarak's departure, according to *The Sunday Times* of London. She was beaten with flag poles. As she was being abused, the crowd of roughly 200 men chanted "Spy," "Israeli" and "Jew," apparently believing her to be a spy. Egyptian state media had been reporting that Israeli spies were disguising themselves as television crews. A group of women and several Egyptian soldiers rescued Logan, who is not a Jew, from a mob of more than 200 people who were "whipped into a frenzy," CBS said. Lara was flown to the United States and recovered in a hospital. After she left the hospital, President Obama telephoned her to express his concern over her attack. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was "very concerned" about the attack on Logan, and "The safety and well-being of journalists has been a concern throughout this entire situation in Egypt."

Anderson Cooper of CNN was punched 10 times in the head when he and his crew were attacked by pro-Mubarak demonstrators. Correspondent **Serge Dumont** of Belgium's *Le Soir* newspaper was hit in the face, accused of spying and taken to a military post. OPC member **Christiane Amanpour** of ABC News said she and her crew were surrounded by an angry mob. "They kicked in the car doors and broke our windshield as we drove away," she said. Other correspondents who were attacked by Mubarak supporters included **Ahmed Bajano** of *Al-Arabiya*, **Mohamed Khayal** of *Al-Shorouk* daily, Danish correspondent **Steffen Jensen** and **Jon Bjorgvinsson** of Iceland's national broadcaster RUV, *Wall Street Journal* photographer **Peter van Agtmael**, and **Petros Papaconstantinou**, a reporter for the Greek daily *Kathimerini* who was clubbed in the head with a baton and stabbed in the foot, either with a knife or a screwdriver.

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Sarah Lyall wrote, "The service, which began broadcasting in 1932, now is one of Britain's most visible exports and is known for bringing uncensored news to places where there is no free press." The cuts include closing Macedonian, Serbian

and Albanian services; English broadcasts to the Caribbean and Portuguese to Africa; broadcasts to China, Russia, Ukraine and Turkey; radio programming in Mandarin,

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Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese and Azeri; and radio broadcasts to Cuba in *Spanish*.

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The News of the World announced on January 26 that **Ian Edmondson**, its assistant editor for news, was dismissed for what the paper called “material evidence” linking him to allegations that the paper illegally intercepted celebrities’ telephone messages. Edmondson, who denied doing anything wrong, had been suspended in December in the hacking scandal.

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The book and movie *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* is the true story of Gladys Aylward, a maid in England who went to China in the 1930s as a servant and became a Christian missionary although she had little formal education. This columnist interviewed Aylward, long after she had left China and settled in Taiwan. She told me she was upset that Ingrid Bergman played her in the movie, describing Bergman as a “wicked woman.” The 1958 film was a February 2011 selection of Turner Movie Classics.



MAE SOT, Thailand: Freelance photojournalists **John Sanlin** of Burma and **Pascal Schatterman** of Belgium were arrested January 20 by Thai authorities when they re-entered Thailand from Burma. A court sentenced them to one year in prison on charges of violating immigration laws, but they were ordered to be deported immediately. In Burma they covered the escalating armed conflict between Burmese troops and Karen insurgents.

MINSK, Belarus: **Andrzej Poczobut**, a reporter for Poland’s daily newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza*, was sentenced to 15 days in jail February 18 and fined 400 euros (about U.S. \$548) on charges that he participated in an unsanctioned protest rally in Minsk last December following the disputed re-election

tion of Belarus President Alexaander Lukashenko.

MOSCOW: When **Luke Harding**, *The Guardian*’s Moscow correspondent, returned to Moscow February 5 after two months in the paper’s London office, a Russian security officer at the airport told him his visa had been revoked. About 45 minutes later, he was put on a plane back to London. But three days later, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Harding had a journalist’s visa, but had failed to pick up his press card. The Ministry said he had violated rules for journalists but could return if he agreed to abide by the rules. Harding, 42, is one of the reporters covering WikiLeaks’ disclosure of American diplomatic cables. In November, the Russian Foreign Ministry told him his visa would be reviewed because he had made trips to politically-sensitive areas of Russia without permission.



Luke Harding

A few days later, Russia reversed itself and issued a new visa to Harding, who returned to Moscow February 12. In a Moscow dispatch, *The New York Times* said Russia was “all but acknowledging that they had made a mistake that had harmed the country’s effort to improve its image abroad.”

NEW YORK: Correspondents for *The New York Times* and *Rolling Stone* won the 2010 George Polk awards that involved foreign reporting. **Clifford J. Levy** and **Ellen Barry** of *The Times* won the award for foreign reporting with their coverage of Russia. The military reporting award also went to *Times* correspondents: **Dexter Filkins** and **Mark Mazzetti** for their coverage of the war in Afghanistan. The magazine award went to **Michael Hastings** for his *Rolling Stone* article that led to the dismissal of U.S. Army General Stanley McChrystal as commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. Announced in February, the 13 Polk awards will be presented at a luncheon April 7 in the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City. OPC board member **Kimberly Dozier**, an AP reporter and former CBS News correspondent who was injured in a 2006 car bombing in Iraq, will read the

citations. The awards are administered by Long Island University in memory of **George W. Polk**, a CBS correspondent who was killed in 1948 while covering the Greek civil war.

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Stephen J. Adler, former top editor of *Business Week*, was appointed editor-in-chief of the New York-based Reuters News Service in February. He replaced OPC member **David A. Schlesinger**, who returned to China, where he started his career, to become chairman of Thomson Reuters China. Schlesinger has worked for Reuters for 24 years. Adler spent 16 years at *The Wall Street Journal* and then more than four years as editor-in-chief of *Business Week* until resigning in 2009. Thomson Reuters hired Adler last year to recruit and lead a team of reporters in developing news services.

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OPC member **Mark Whitaker** became executive vice president and managing editor of CNN/Cable News Network in February. Based in New York, he oversees news and editorial content of all CNN networks and digital platforms. Whitaker moved to New York from Washington, where he was NBC News bureau chief since 2008. Whitaker is the husband of **Alexis Gelber**, OPC president 2002 to 2004.

PARIS: A group of photojournalists who covered the Vietnam War gathered in Paris in February and commented on why they put themselves in harm’s way by covering wars. They were in Paris for the opening of an exhibit of **Henri Huet**’s wartime photographs that he took for UPI and later AP. Henri was killed 40 years ago when the South Vietnam helicopter he was riding in was shot down over Laos.

Here are some of the photojournalists’ comments as reported by AP. OPC member **Horst Faas**, who was Huet’s boss in AP’s Saigon bureau: “Henri went to war like other people go to work. Henri never considered himself a war photographer, but he could really photograph the soul of a GI. Henri knew fear. Henri was afraid of getting killed. But he knew how to take care.” **Russell Burrows**, son of *Life* photographer **Larry Burrows**, who was killed along with Huet: “There isn’t a lens



Cecile Schrouben at the Huet photo exhibit wearing the silver pendant Henri gave her.

long enough that allows a photographer to sit at home and take a picture.” **Richard Pyle**, former AP Saigon bureau chief: “Murder has become a primary cause of deaths among working journalists.” Photographer **Olivier Laban-Mattei** said that despite the dangers there is no shortage of candidates looking for a spot in combat zones. [See the item below from Sangsar, Afghanistan.] **Nick Ut**, who took the picture of a young Vietnamese girl running naked down a road after a napalm attack: “I never saw a picture like that. Children. Naked. We know the job is very dangerous. But if you don’t see the picture, you don’t see the story.”

Cecile Schrouben and Henri met in New York in 1968 when he saw her eating an apple in Rockefeller Center and suggested oysters as a better meal. They had an oyster lunch that started a long love affair. She was a 20-year-old AFP archivist, and he was twice her age. When Huet returned to the Vietnam War, Cecile gave him her baptismal Virgin Mary medallion, which he carried until his death. They corresponded for three years, and she wrote her last letter to him the day he was killed. The gold medallion was found in the helicopter wreckage in 1998, 27 years after the crash, by a U.S. Army forensic team that Pyle and Faas accompanied. The medallion was traced to Cecile and returned to her at the Huet photo exhibit. At the exhibit she wore over her black sweater a three-pointed silver pendant, Henri’s first gift to her. Cecil now is 63. She married in 1978, becoming **Cecile Blumental**. She has two daughters, and five grandchildren.

PULLMAN, Washington: **Ted Koppel**, a 42-year veteran of ABC News and retired anchor of Nightline, will receive the 2011 Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award from Washington State University at the annual Murrow Symposium on September 23. Koppel told the University, “I never met Ed Murrow, but my life has been bracket-

ed by his influence. First as a boy in London, listening with my father as the BBC rebroadcast some of his wartime reports for CBS. Those gave me my first appetite for journalism.” Koppel has won 41 Emmy Awards, eight George Foster Peabody Awards, 10 duPont-Columbia Awards, 10 OPC Awards and the President’s Award from **Richard Stolley** 2006, two George Polk Awards and two Sigma Delta Chi Awards.

RANGOON: **Maung Maung Zeya**, 58, a journalist with the Oslo-based Democratic Voice of Burma, was sentenced to 13 years in prison February 4 in a trial held inside a Burmese prison. He was charged with illegally crossing the Burma-Thai border and for contacting exiled Burmese media. Thirteen journalists were in jail in Burma at the end of last year, making it one of the world’s five worst jailers of journalists.



Ross Dunkley, editor-in-chief of the weekly Burmese-English-language *Myanmar Times*, was arrested February 10 when he returned to Burma from a business trip to Japan. An Australian citizen, Dunkley was being held in a Rangoon prison on immigration charges during negotiations with his local business partners on the future ownership and leadership of the paper.

SANGSAR, Afghanistan: Less than two weeks after arriving in Afghanistan and on his first coverage of military operations, British fashion and music photographer **Giles Duley**, 39, stepped on a land mine, injuring his limbs. Surgeons at Kandahar military hospital amputated one of his legs below the knee, one leg above the knee and his left arm below the elbow. He was evacuated to England for more surgery. Duley was the third photojournalist to lose limbs to land mines in southern Afghanistan. **Emilio Morenatti** of AP lost his lower left leg in 2009, and photojournalist **Joao Silva** lost both legs in 2010.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic: Police fired pellets and tear gas canisters at a crowd during a February 4 funeral procession for a youth killed during a police shooting in January. Pellets hit the face and abdomen of journalist

Francisco Frias Morel, and he was treated in a hospital for three days.

SHANGHAI: Newspaper columnist **Chang Ping**, 42, was dismissed by the Southern Daily Group of newspapers, owned by the Guangdong Provincial Communist Party, after he challenged government censors by writing about corruption and political reform. His topics included democracy, media censorship, failures of government policy and Tibet. In 2008, Chang was removed as editor of the *Southern Metropolitan Weekly*.

TEHRAN: Journalists **Marcus Hellwig** and **Jens Koch** of the German newspaper *Bild am Sonntag* were released from jail February 19. They were arrested four months earlier after interviewing the son of an Iranian woman condemned to death by stoning for adultery. They were sentenced to 20 months in prison for acts against Iran’s national security, but a court commuted the sentences to a \$50,000 fine. The court said the Germans “deserved to have their punishment commuted and enjoy Islamic mercy.”

TIRANA, Albania: Several local reporters were attacked January 21 when Albanian National Guardsmen fired on demonstrators in the streets. **Ened Janina**, reporter for the *Shekulli* newspaper, was beaten by the troops. He told police he was a journalist and showed his press card. But a guardsman told him, “I do not give a damn that you are a journalist.” **Fatos Mahmutaj**, who was working for ABC News, told prosecutors that a National Guard officer opened fire, wounding him in the hand and killing two protestors. Photographer **Feliks Bilani** was hit in the head by stones, reporter **Elton Dono**’s jaw was broken when a guardsman hit him on the head and an *Ora News* reporter was wounded.

TOKYO: **Abi Sekimitsu** was appointed Reuters editor in Japan last year, supervising 120 journalists in one of Thomson Reuters’ largest media markets. Prior to this appointment, she was Reuters editor in Bangalore, India and



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earlier a Reuters correspondent in New York, London and Hong Kong. Born in Kobe, Japan, Sekimitsu-san earned a journalism degree at Northwestern University in Illinois.

TORREON, Mexico: Armed assailants broke into the broadcast transmission facilities of Grupa Multimedios Laguna February 9 and fatally shot TV engineer **Rodolfo Ochoa Moreno**, 27, while he was calling police. They also destroyed and stole equipment. "Once again the media are on the front lines of Mexico's drug wars," said **Carlos Lauria**, senior program coordinator for the Americas at the Committee to Protect Journalists.

WASHINGTON: **Bernard S. Redmont**, a longtime OPC member and veteran foreign correspondent, has been named an Officer of the French Legion of Honor by French President Nicolas Sarkozy. The French Ambassador to the United States, Pierre Vimont, said, "This award testifies to the President of the French Republic's high esteem for your merits and accomplishments. It is also a token of great esteem for your dedication to the friendship between our two nations." The decoration will be presented to Redmont at a ceremony later this year.



Bernard Redmont

Redmont and his wife **Joan** lived in France for 28 years. He reported from 55 countries for CBS News, Westinghouse Broadcasting Company (Group W), *U.S. News & World Report* and other media. In 1972, Redmont received France's Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. The Redmonts live in Canton, Massachusetts. He is dean emeritus of Boston University College of Communications.

Lindsay Krasnoff, a contract historian at the State Department and a Young OPC member, helped organize a two-day conference on U.S. policy and the war in Southeast Asia, 1946 to 1975, last September. Sponsored by the Department's Office of the Historian, the conference proceedings now are available

online at <http://tinyurl.com/4lf5j3y>

Correspondents who participated in the conference included OPC member **Edith Lederer**, **Marvin Kalb**, **Morley Safir** and **William Beecher**. Speakers included Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton, Henry A. Kissinger, Ambassador John D. Negroponte and the late Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke.

In a long article about OPC member **Elias Demetracopoulos**, the Greek-American newspaper *The National Herald* wrote: "Greek journalist Elias Demetracopoulos, who has been based in Washington, D.C. since 1967, was on both former president Richard Nixon and the Greek military junta's enemies list. Today, at 82, he has outlived both... The reporter's biggest claim to fame is uncovering the Greek Watergate connection."

The Pentagon's decision not to allow the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of General Vang Pao touched off complaints on the Internet from Vietnam War correspondents. The CIA recruited Vang Pao in 1961 to lead Hmong guerrillas in Laos, and 35,000 of his men were killed during 15 years of fighting.

Five U.S. journalists are reporting on health topics in several countries from March to May on fellowships from the International Reporting Project at Johns Hopkins University. They are **Jenny Asarnow**, KUOW-FM, Seattle, who is reporting from Haiti; and freelancers **Jill Braden Balderas**, Washington D.C. reporting from Uganda; **Ann S. Kim**, Boston, Botswana; **Annie Murphy**, South America, Mozambique; and **David Taylor**, Washington D.C., Mali. The program is administered by OPC member **John Schidlovsky**.

PEOPLE REMEMBERED

Jerrold Kessel, 66, a CNN Middle East correspondent in Jerusalem from 1990 to 2003, died February 24 of cancer. He covered the Israeli-Palestine conflict, regional wars, peace efforts and the 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. After leaving CNN,

Kessel produced independent TV programs, wrote a book about football and wrote a sports column for an Israeli newspaper. He was born in South Africa and was a former *Jerusalem Post* news editor.

She was a reporter with wealth that few if any journalist could or can match. Plus adventurous. **Kathleen Lanier (Kathy) Harriman** was a granddaughter of E. H. Harriman, who amassed a fortune between \$70 million and \$100 million as head of Union Pacific Railroad. She graduated from Bennington College in 1940 with a degree in social science. The next year at age 23, she joined her father, W. Averell Harriman, in London, where he was the U.S. ambassador. In London, she reported for International News Service and later for *Newsweek*. Her roommate was Pamela Digby Churchill, daughter-in-law of Winston Churchill. In 1943, Harriman's father was named ambassador to the Soviet Union, and she joined him in Moscow. She learned Russian, was the official hostess at her father's diplomatic functions and traveled with him to the 1945 Yalta conference at which President Roosevelt, Churchill and Soviet ruler Joseph Stalin planned Europe's postwar reorganization. In 1944 as her father's representative, she accompanied more than a dozen foreign correspondents into the Katyn forest where Polish officers had been massacred in World War II to witness autopsies of exhumed bodies. After the war, Stalin gave her and her father two cavalry horses which she rode. In 1947 at 29, she married Stanley Grafton Mortimer Jr., an heir to the Standard Oil fortune, on her family's 25,000-acre estate. Kathleen Harriman Mortimer died February 17 in Arden, New York, at age 93.

Micheline Trigaci (Michele) Kay, 66, a former newspaper reporter in Hong Kong, died February 16 in Austin, Texas, nearly two years after being diagnosed with brain cancer. Born in Cairo, Egypt, Kay started her journalism career at the *Hong Kong Standard* in 1962 when she was 17. She later moved to Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* as that newspaper's first woman reporter covering hard news. While married to her first husband, **Keith Kay** of CBS News, Kay lived

in Saigon while her husband covered the Vietnam War. After the war, the couple lived in Paris, where she worked for the American Chamber of Commerce. Kay and Keith had two children. In 1981, she and her family moved to Texas where she worked for business magazines in Dallas and then at the *Austin America-Statesman* as business editor, editorial writer, Washington correspondent and Texas Capitol reporter.



Raymond D'Addario's camera captured Nuremberg defedents.

Raymond D'Addario, 90, whose photographs of Hitler's officers during the Nuremberg war crimes trials were published in newspapers and magazines around the world, died February 13 of a stroke in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was one of about a dozen U.S. Army photographers assigned to document the International Military Tribunal trials in Nuremberg after World War II. *The New York Times* called him "the most prolific member of the team and perhaps its most consequential." When 10 Nazi leaders were hanged, D'Addario was disappointed that he and his colleagues were not allowed to photograph the executions. But in a 2006 PBS documentary, he said, "Today I am happy that I didn't see the executions." After he was discharged from the Army, he was hired as chief photographer at the war crimes trial conducted solely by the U.S. While covering the trials, he married Margarete Borufka. They settled in Holyoke where they opened and ran a camera shop.

James P. Anderson, 81, a UPI reporter at the State Department from 1976 to 1991 and for 10 years a diplomatic correspondent for German news agency DPA, died January 30 in Bethesda. Drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he edited an army newspaper in La Rochelle, France. Anderson reported

from France for the *Overseas Weekly* from 1955 to 1957, served with the U.S. Armed Forces Network in Berlin 1957 to 1960 and next with Westinghouse Broadcasting in London and around the U.S., then for UPI and DPA, retiring in 1999 but editing *Rootes Review*, a sports car monthly.

Robert H. Young, 87, who reported from Vietnam and Europe, died January 19 in a Ridgewood, New Jersey hospital. ABC News sent him to Saigon in 1965 to cover the Vietnam war. He later moved to London as the network's chief European correspondent. Young started his TV career in 1960 when he became news director of the NBC affiliate station in South Bend, Indiana. From there he moved to New York City as anchor of WCBS Nightly News where his reporting included the assassination of President Kennedy. After London, Young returned to the States and anchored ABC World News retiring in 1975. A U.S. Air Corps co-pilot in World War II, Young was shot down and captured in Europe.

British photojournalist **Penny Tweedie**, 70, who covered war and conflicts around the world including Bangladesh, Vietnam, Uganda and East Timor, committed suicide January 14. In India in 1971 when she was commissioned by London's *Sunday Times* to cover the Bangladesh war, she was mistakenly arrested by the Indian army as a spy. But she got out in time to photograph Bangladeshi intellectuals being murdered by retreating Pakistani forces. Tweedie won a Walkley Award, an Australian prize for excellence in journalism, for her photos of Australian aborigine culture. She used her earnings from advertising agencies and catalog publishers to subsidize work she did for charities and non-government

organizations including Oxfam, Help the Aged, Save the Children and Christian Aid. Penny estimated that she had worked in 80 countries for various publications.

British newsreel cameraman **Cyril Page**, 89, died last December 21 in Kent. Page covered the 1956 Suez crisis for ITN, the Korean War for BBC Newsreel, the Biafran war in 1968 for ITN and troubles in Northern Islands during the 1970s. During World War II, he was a camera operator with the Royal Navy.

Andy Adams, 89, a longtime correspondent in Tokyo, died December 13 at his home in San Diego after being afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. Adams, who served on many committees at FCCJ, was editor of *Sumo World* magazine and one of the founders of the Tokyo International Softball League. FCCJ President **Georges Baumgartner** said, "Jacques Chirac has been a loyal reader of *Sumo World*." Former colleague **Mike Tharp** commented, "Andy was as much a fixture at FCCJ as the photographs on the walls of past presidents or the books in the library, where he often could be found." **Ron Yates** added, "He was the most knowledgeable person about sumo I ever met."

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Google
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Sumner Jules Glimcher
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Clarissa McNair
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Green Star Investigations
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Hearst
Active Overseas

Gina Proia
VP & Chief Communications
Officer
Ally Financial
New York City
Affiliate

Christopher Schuetze
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Student

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Near Eastern Studies
University of Arizona
Student

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New Books

AFRICA

CHAOS IN WEST AFRICA is described in *My Friend the Mercenary* [New York Grove Press] by British journalist **James Brabazon**. In 2002 the author traveled with guerilla forces into Liberia in a hapless campaign to unseat the dictator Charles Taylor. As his bodyguard, Brabazon hired Nick du Toit, a South African mercenary who had fought in African conflicts for more than three decades. From one review: "In this gripping narrative, James Brabazon paints a brilliant portrait of the chaos that tore West Africa apart: nations run by warlords and kleptocrats, rebels fight to displace them, ordinary people caught in the ceasefire – and everywhere adventurers and mercenaries operating in war's dark shadows."

ASIA

CHINA'S URBAN GARBAGE is expected to reach 400 million tons by 2020, equivalent to the entire world's trash production in 1997. In *When a Billion Chinese Jump: How China Will Save Mankind – or Destroy It* [London: Faber and Faber] **Jonathan Watts** warns that the world is hurtling toward environmental devastation and how China's

breakneck growth has ravaged its land, water and air. Watts, *The Guardian's* China bureau chief, writes that Beijing "represents both the apotheosis of human development and the folly of continuing with global business as usual." The author reports that the water table in northern China is falling by more than a meter a year, a glacier in the Tibetan Plateau is rapidly receding and China surpassed the United States in 2006 as the world's top emitter of greenhouse gasses. Watts writes an environmental travelogue from Tibet to Inner Mongolia via tiger farms, melting glaciers, cancer villages, science parks, coal mines, ecocities and a Barbie Emporium. The book's title comes from the author's boyhood nightmare that Chinese were so numerous that if they all jumped together they could knock the world off its axis.

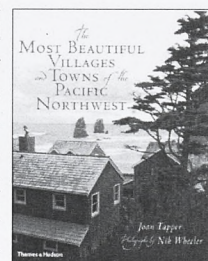


BANGLASH BECAME INDEPENDENT 39 years ago, but the rule of law, honest administration and the culture of democracy are still a far cry. **Jahangir Alam Akash**, a Bangladeshi journalist who has lived in exile in Europe since 2009, describes his country's history, culture and independence in *Pain* [Exlibris Corporation]. From a review posted by the author on the Internet: "Common people are searching for peace. Militancy, extra judiciary murders, maladministration,

party-attribution, terror, corruption are closing the path of progress. Religious and indigenous minority killings are hindrances to amity. The murders of journalists are robbing the opportunity of free reporting."

NORTH AMERICA

FROM WAR IN VIETNAM to villages in America's Pacific Northwest, that was the journey of **Nik Wheeler**, a British photographer who covered the Vietnam War for UPI and *Newsweek* and later a freelancer in the Middle East for several European magazines. Wheeler took the pictures and **Joan Tapper**, a magazine travel editor who founded the *National Geographic Traveler*, wrote the text for *The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest* [Tuolumne Meadows, California: Northwest Books]. In words and photographs, the book explores picturesque small towns in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia – their lighthouses, gardens, vineyards for wine, coves, waterways, mountains and beaches. The book brings to life the pioneers who trudged along the Oregon Trail or built the Canadian Pacific Railway in pursuit of a good life in a corner of North America.



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